

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpbOEoRrHyU#t=714b> says it all

—Mark Nugent, kirkcaldy,

The internet is a staple in our lives here in the 21st century. It has and continues to be an amazing tool that has lead to innovation that has changed our lives exponentially. Net Neutrality is important to me because if a middle man controls what we can do on the internet, we lose. We lose our freedom to do what we want, when we want, in the privacy of net anonymity. I, nor anyone else, wants to pay premium for half decent connection speed for a website important to us, just because some greedy company can make a little profit. The internet belongs to no single organization or company and should remain that way. In a world where rights are constantly infringed on, the internet is truly the final frontier.

—Maxfield E Bennett, Shaker Heights, OH

never do anything to line the pockets of one group of companies for no reason. Don't fix what is not broke.

—Rick Behr, cypress, TX

The Internet should not be influenced or controlled by businesses.

—Chris Sargent, Lowell, MA

The Internet is a very important infrastructure for all of us today. Therefore it should remain neutral in every way.

—René Mortensen, Gothenburg,

Net Neutrality is essential to both democracy and economic growth in this country. The internet is increasingly the source of news, political information and innovation. Allowing providers to extort money from entrepreneurs and advocates for freedom can only harm this nation. Removing net neutrality will undermine this country's future. Do not change something that is working so well.

—Richard Bradford, Lancaster, MA

We the people do not have a lobby. We the people only have a voice. The internet protected by Net Neutrality ensures that we have an avenue to use that voice.

—Jacob Levi Medley, boca raton, FL

The internet is a very important place where users can share information, art, stories, writing, ideas, and many other beautiful and wonderful things with other people all around the world. To limit who can be visible on the net would be to stifle the voices of those who don't have the financial means to back up their art or their voices. Honestly, it's just wrong. Please DO NOT end Net Neutrality.

—Michelle My-Linh Macphee, Garden Grove, CA

No one person owns the internet... companies like Comcast and Time Warner Cable shouldn't have complete control over it... yes they deliver it much like FedEx but they don't make the content users do that... and what happens when companies like Comcast and twc merge and the policies of that company change to limit more content... also I can only have one cable company in my area much like a TELEPHONE UTILITY SERVICE but that company has no regulation?? That makes no sense I am stuck with them because the government killed competition but then says they can't regulate the only company I can deal with?? Quit taking those companies money and listen to the people.

—Luke Miller, Utica, PA

Tom Wheeler should recuse himself. He is the fox in the henhouse!

—Henry Schlinger, Burbank, CA

for all the reasons internet providers would like to get rid of net neutrality is why it should remain. The electronic media needs to remain a classless entity.

—Thomas Neal Morrison, Buxton, ME

The internet should be free and accessible to all! It is our Constitutional Right to Freedom of Speech, and the Internet allows for everyone to share their ideas openly; to research all that one wishes to learn about. If the FCC kills Net Neutrality, the country WILL revolt, and the government will fall more quickly than ever thought possible. Even those who fork over the added fees will be distraught over such fees, and battle for their right to a free and openly available Internet. To allow such proposals to go through will only accelerate the rate of ascension of consciousness, and bring to light the truth behind the FCC's true motives! With an entire generation brought up knowing that they can access what ever content they wish, when ever they wish, free of charge; a generation fully aware of its right to free speech, and millions upon millions of people who oppose the FCC's proposed Internet "rules," why continue to be so incredibly greedy as to want to charge each person to access the Internet, nor no longer allowing the information that one wishes to view to even be available? We, the people, WILL rise up! Please DON'T pass the proposed Internet rules!!! Thank you for taking a moment to think about how these changes would impact society.

—JP Guardino, Warren, VT

Do not go thru with this Net Neutrality rule. A two tier system is bad for CONSUMERS.

—Paul R. Munger, Jones, OK

Think outside of yourselves, if we are to maintain any sense of a democracy within this budding Plutocracy we need the internet to remain neutral. In the end this kind of ruling will set the tone for revolution instead of reformation. No one wants that. In the context of history, all that back this ruling will be denounced and detested; known for the dismantling of freedom and liberty. While money cushions the present, dignity preserves the future.

—Emily Kincanon, Riverside, IL

Please, reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The Internet should be available to all, without restrictions. Why does our government want to continually hold back the United States in technological advancement. Other countries have so much more bandwidth, and at much cheaper prices. We do not want to become the Incorporated States of America, beholden to big businesses that control our laws, our lives, and the flow of information. Keep the information flowing freely and fairly for all. An informed citizenship is an empowered citizenship. If our government wants to uphold the constitution and the ideals of this country, then they should want this as much as any of us.

—Anthony Agusti, Chesterfield, MI

I believe in a free and open Internet.

—Johnny Tisdale, Pike Road, AL

our average tax paying citizens united who keep this country going cannot compete with the financial resources of large corporations. (and corporations aren't citizens, they are comprised of individual citizens, each with a separate voice.) don't take our stuff away.

—Ron Rodgers, Austin, TX

The Internet provides millions of people with the opportunity to keep in touch with each other, to learn what is really going on in the world and to educate themselves in ways that were not available to past generations. We must keep it neutral and not create a system where only people and companies with large financial resources can afford to get the best from the net.

—Michael Cullity, Milan,

Because streaming music gets me through every day.

—Paula, Baltimore, MD

As a tax paying american I have the right to use my internet freely without shackles. There are enough fees as it is and now this would allow the providers to pretty much do whatever they want as far as prices and bandwidth speed, absolutely ridiculous. For THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE, right?

—Andre Hannah, virginia beach, VA



It's like trying to stop water from flowing downhill. Put a block up, and the water will find its way down... and another and another. There's really no point in giving so much control to the cable companies - let them be forced to adapt to technological improvements just like the rest of us. Otherwise, you'll be giving some very powerful keys to companies that will just become more and more corrupt. And then, another 'internet' will get built anyway. ;-)

—Harris, Las Vegas, NV

Even more than "Information Needs to be Free," Markets Need to be Equal. We don't have the best track record when it comes to institutions and individuals who have sophisticated understanding of markets dumbing down the rules of a market "in the best interest of people who don't know any better." I probably wouldn't notice or experience any real difference in my personal consumption of the internet if the FCC's proposed rules were enacted. Similarly, as a woefully unsophisticated investor, I probably wouldn't suffer more than a few cents if I went to my TD Ameritrade account and bought 1,000 shares of MSFT. But if I were to do that, I wouldn't be buying stock on the true market. There's a different market, the real market, that only the pros have access to, and I have a big problem with that. The internet is a marketplace for information, and I don't want my internet to be different from anyone else's internet. We should all have the same level of access to the same information. Smart entities given an edge will naturally exploit that edge. If we give additional edge to groups that already enjoy an essential monopoly, I have a hard time believing the consequences won't be damaging for everyone and lead to a real internet and a fractured facsimile of the internet.

—Kathleen Voboril, Atlanta, GA

For the people, and by the people. Not by the ISPs who want to create a two-tiered internet. Please keep the internet neutral by maintaining net neutrality, not by allowing a two-tiered system on the internet. By reclassifying Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common carriers, this issue can be resolved without having to revisit it every year. Thank you.

—Andrew McClain, Orange, CA

This change would be the end of the Internet that the world loves. Everyone deserves to be treated equally in this wonderful creation and if this law passes, you will contribute to making this world a worse place. This is not advancement; it is a step towards the detriment of our society and a discriminatory measure that we shouldn't even be thinking about.

—Santiago Burbano, Quito,

For me & many others, a free & open internet is an important source of information, products, & services (among other things) that we wouldn't have access to otherwise.

—Herman Diaz, Brighton, MA

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe the internet should be EQUALLY available to all to be able to educate themselves, stay in contact with family, friends, etc, etc, etc. I believe the internet should be for the people, and not set up for corporations.

—Taylor Evans, Kirkland Lake,

Stop, do not allow rampant discrimination online. Do not approve rules that would take away our unconditional freedom of the internet and Net Neutrality.

—John E. Crim, Madison, CT

I feel like this is censorship in sheeps clothing. I don't think that these cable companies have any business deciding what information is important and what is not. I am a free citizen and I want the information I want at the same cost and speed as everything else. This whole proposal is ridiculous.

—Miss Emily Smith, Huntsville, AL

Really, your plan would be to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow road for the rest of us. After we reel from the increase in fuel prices, increase in energy prices from the war on coal. Thus you have violated my 1st Amendment rights de facto. Its bad enough the mainstream media refuses to cover the news. Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—Gary HALL, Soddy Daisy, TN

Your transparent plan to out wait the public then turn the net over to the corporate service providers is unacceptable. The net has become too important to be essentially placed in private hands. Please act in the broad public interest and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. There must be balance of power within the government and between government, industry, wealth, public at large, NGOs and anyone else willing to take an interest. At this time, corporations and wealth have too much power and our society is not healthy. Please try to rise above yourselves .  
Thank you for your attention.

—Guy L Lockwood, davie, FL

Net Neutrality is the reason the Internet was created; to be able to share information with people across town, across the country and now around the world. The Internet has since become integrated into every aspect of our modern lives from our phones to our work spaces to our cars to our TVs. Creating any kind of restriction, boundaries or tiers on who can access what content on the Internet is putting a limit to our freedom. The FCC's rules must not be approved, ISPs must be classified as common carriers.

—Jonathan Goldberg, Bloomfield, NJ

It's our last freedom.

—Andre Chappelle, Philadelphia, PA

The creation of a two tiered internet will kill the ability of start ups and entrepreneurs to innovate and create innovative new products. This is the key to growth in America. Please don't kill this.

—Matthew Lisowski, Brooklyn, NY

Big companies want to control the internet because they have money. When was the last time a big company had some serious change or innovation? Apple made it's biggest hit when it was just a handful of people. The small people make the biggest impact. Constricting the medium that makes this innovation across the world possible is not economically beneficial. If you want to squash innovation and change and any hope for economic improvement, continue thinking that big companies with big pockets are the best vehicles for change.

—Sara Parks, Colorado Springs, CO

We need affordable and fast internet to work, to create change, and to communicate. dont support cable companies over American citizens.

—Sofia Onstad, talent, OR

The internet is a tool through which global free speech - a core American value - is implemented. If a single organization, interest group, or industry is able to determine whose content is the "most important" and charge accordingly, the world will have access to fewer ideas, fewer viewpoints, and ultimately less information. Information should serve the populace, not vice versa. A truly neutral internet is a core building block of a better world.

—Andrew Solomon, Chicago, IL

Setting up a two tier internet is establishing a pay to play environment which will limit free speech. Start up political candidates that can not afford to pay the high price of being a preferred connection, start up businesses that are watching their cash flow, and individuals who are trying to share information related to education all need the net neutrality. Appointing Tom Wheeler was nothing short of giving comcast and the other large providers a blank check to hold companies that depend on the internet at gun point for whatever fee they wish to charge. Mr. Wheeler. I beg as a person, as an american citizen I demand, you hear our voice, our opinion, and our choice. LEAVE NET NEUTRALITY IN PLACE.

—Ahl, Spring Hill, TN

I believe that net neutrality should be preserved. The changes being lobbied for by cable providers is in no way good for the customer or for businesses that rely on the internet. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Paul Fincke, Henrico, VA



Open Internet should remain as is and free for all users. Rich or poor equally  
—John Trovato, Huntington Station, NY

It's free speech. It's a right that everyone should have what they want and need. Fast internet.  
—Serafim Ayanski, Rakovski,

Please don't temper with the internet, its PERFECT the way it is! Greetings from Holland, Koen  
—Koen van Wijk, De Bilt,

I LIVE IN A RURAL AREA AND AM HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON THE INTERNET. ADD TO THAT THE FACT THAT I AM  
RETIRED AND, DESPITE HAVING WORKED MY BUTT OFF FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS, AM NOT WEALTHY. I TRY TO LIVE  
WITHIN MY MEANS. DESPITE ASSURANCES THAT THERE IS NO INFLATION, MAYBE NOT FOR YOU! BUT THERE SURE  
IS FOR SOMEONE AT MY END OF THE UNIVERSE. DO NOT ADD TO MY FINANCIAL BURDENS. LEAVE THE NET  
ALONE!  
—R Kreher, Snowflake, AZ

Net neutrality is important to me, my family, and really the vast majority of humankind. The internet should be equally accessible to ALL  
people and ALL companies. It has become so integrated into our society that if it were suddenly removed, our world would be crippled. That  
being said, internet access should be treated like a utility - with equal access for all. To do otherwise would be to cripple those who would  
bring innovation.  
—Nancy Power, Williamswood,

Net Neutrality will help to ensure that everyone, regardless of income level, has the same equal access to information. That access, and the  
ability to share information with others is what has made the internet such a great resource.  
—Christopher J Bergeron, raleigh, NC

Hello, The world is flat book explains how the internet is a field where we can all compete equally. This is true until net neutrality is threaten is  
such ways. Please do not let this become a monopoly. Thank you  
—Rodrigo Flores, Port Washington, NY

I have worked in web development for over 15 years, and depend on net neutrality for my living. Supporting this bill will destroy my  
livelihood.  
—Christopher Kraft, Cincinnati, OH

I don't want any corporation to turn the www into a utility or allow one to control the speed of service.  
—Edmund F Piotrowski III, Lahaska, PA

FCC's current proposals will make the internet much like my Cable TV service. Bloated with expensive tiers. The FCC is an advocate for big  
business at the expense of the little guy (like me). Total Net Neutrality for everyone is paramount. No fast and slow lanes but the same lanes  
for everyone, PLEASE.  
—Jim Walker, SCOTTSDALE, AZ

Net neutrality ensures, to the extent possible, that everyone has equal access to the internet. I cannot imagine how the FCC has arrived at the  
conclusion that it is in the public interest to allow a few gigantic cable providers to become the arbiters of who gets better, faster, service over  
those who don't. Outrageous.  
—Judith Crandall-Sloane, Encintas, CA

The proposed FCC plan is unconstitutional and favors behemoth telecommunications companies, putting consumers directly and completely at their mercy, while they have zero accountability or even the slightest reason to ensure that they're providing an acceptable level of service. This plan also would stifle those with valuable technological ideas that could prove beneficial to the general public, if said ideas threaten the profit margins of these aforementioned giant ISPs. To discourage progress and innovation is to discourage two of the most fundamental ideals America was founded on, and would prove to be nothing short of a national tragedy.

—Daryn Harper, Conyers, GA

Net Neutrality is the main reason we have inspired thought and innovation in this country. Why does the United States have a commanding lead on intellectual property and technology within the world? It's simply because we foster an ecosystem for people to absorb and publish content. Don't stifle people's ability to learn and innovate! I strongly encourage Net Neutrality to be our way of working.

—Brian Sena, Milford, CT

Net Neutrality is important to me because of how I understand the interconnections of the human experience to be. Roadblocks between experiences ultimately lead to stress. I've learned that stress is a major problem our country is dealing with, and the health effects it causes. [http://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=health+effects+of+stress&hl=en&as\\_sdt=0&as\\_vis=1&oi=scholar&sa=X&ci=3Y6QU7SfKLe2sAS8tYCIBA&ved=0CCAQgQMwAA](http://scholar.google.com/scholar?q=health+effects+of+stress&hl=en&as_sdt=0&as_vis=1&oi=scholar&sa=X&ci=3Y6QU7SfKLe2sAS8tYCIBA&ved=0CCAQgQMwAA) The fact that I was able to just send you to a google result of all the scholastic articles matching the search term "health effects of stress" is testament to the power of transferring knowledge virtually. Please don't let 3rd parties infringe on my given right to optimized communications, no matter the transition medium. They make so much money, its unreal. How much do they need? They'll tell you there's no cap. So they'll use whatever abilities they have to make as much money as they can, with very little thought placed on how it affects society, and future generations.

—Aaron Sherrill, Hamden, CT

We don't need a two tiered Internet it introduces discrimination in the net, those that can pay high fees get excellent service those that can't get the crumbs! Not cool!

—Patricia Camacho, San Antonio, TX

We are moving slowly but surely toward a totalitarian society, and the rejection of Net Neutrality is going to solidify this sad state of affairs. Let's maintain Net Neutrality and reject a totalitarian society!

—Chelsea Lee, Austin, TX

I listen to thousand of hours of audio a yeah and watch thousands of videos a year. I pay my ISP to bring me that data at the speed oi pay for i don't want the ISP shaking down the provider for more money i've already paid for the delivery. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Daniel Hoch, ROCHESTER, NY

The FCC MUST throw out its rules. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers to help this problem.

—Valerie Seijas, Minneapolis, MN



The FCC needs to classify Internet Providers as Common Carriers. The problem with these "deals" between content providers and Internet Providers is that it is NOT consumer friendly and goes against the basic tenants of a free and open internet and the freedom of speech. This is the first step toward a world where corporate monopolies on content start affecting not just what we can see and read online, but also how we gain access to it. The signal will be out there, but a consumer's ISP might decide to not deliver it. Somehow, we've given the internet providers the right to speed up some traffic and degrade others. (With broadband, there is no such thing as accelerating some traffic without degrading other traffic.) We take it for granted that bloggers, start-ups, or nonprofits on an open Internet, reach their audiences roughly the same way as everyone else. If Tom Wheeler's FCC has their way, they won't. They'll be behind in the queue, watching as companies that can pay tolls to the broadband providers speed ahead. The motivation is not complicated. The broadband carriers want to make more money for doing what they already do. Never mind that American carriers are already charging some of the world's highest prices - the average in the US is \$60 per month for broadband, a service that costs less than \$5 to provide. To put it mildly, the cable and telephone companies don't need more money... they're making STAGGERING profit margins already. I see a future where the internet will look a lot like television does now. We'll depend entirely on our cable company to get broadcasts (just like we do today), and they will only deliver their handpicked channels in their cable packages (just like they do today). Sure they'll appease us with the web equivalent of public access television, but it will be so underfunded and slow to load that almost nobody will see it (just like today). I also see a future with zero innovation on the internet and the US falling further behind the rest of the world where net neutrality exists and innovation will continue. To use a very simple, real world example... If we had had such discrimination a decade ago, we would still be using MySpace, not Facebook, because Facebook would have never been unable to compete. We had this problem before, when telephone lines were being installed all over the US. Then, government acted in the consumer's best interest and passed Title II of the Communications Act of 1934... which essentially, gives the FCC the power to ensure that common carriers, like the telephone companies, serve the public interest and do not discriminate in who can use their services. The act forbids discrimination in "charges, practices, classifications, regulations, facilities, or services for or in connection with like communication service, directly or indirectly, by any means or device, or to make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, class of persons, or locality, or to subject any particular person, class of persons, or locality to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage." Sounds oddly familiar, huh? In fact it's EXACTLY the issue we're talking about today. The FCC did the right thing then. They simply need to do it again. I demand a free and open internet I demand an open playing field. I demand net neutrality. I demand the FCC classify internet providers as Common Carriers. I also demand that the FCC serve the people and not the corporations who are the only ones who will benefit from this proposed rule change.

—Craig Jett, Philadelphia, PA

You already have the TV, Radio, bill boards, cinema and old fashioned signpost but keep the Net equal across the board. Keep it neutral and don't give priority to the highest bidder. This will ruin the internet for billions of users. For those in a position to make a stand against the pressure of payoffs you know keeping the net neutral is the right decision. don't sell yourselves and us down the river. Just once show us you can make the right decision. you are in public office to administer on our behalf, so act on our behalf not on the behalf of the telecomms companies

—Mike, Rostrenen,

There is no way we can trust the cable company monopolies to play fair. They don't have to. They have no competition in most markets. We all need equal access to the world and thus to the internet.

—Maureen Mehler, Laguna Woods, CA

The net should remain open to all without restriction or biased.

—John Dunne, wakefield,

The internet should remain accessible to all, not sold to the highest bidding cable company. Keep our internet diverse!

—Alana Katchuk, Los Angeles, CA

No censorship

—Joshua Crawford, Franklin, PA

This is the most over reach yet. Why is Congress allowing this, I will tell you why, because they are bought by the cable companies. I am so against this bone head idea. Why is this not considered a monopoly? The cable industry has too much power over the cost of cable and the cost to have internet service that is half way decent. This is just one more way for them to increase even more our internet rates. Wake up Washington and do the right thing for the American People. For those of us who will not be able to afford what will be a huge expense to have decent internet, we lose. As usual, "We the People" don't matter or Corporate greed. What else is new.

—Brenda Leveque, Indianapolis, IN

In order to increase competition in pricing, service, and speeds, the FCC should reclassify broadband as a utility and regulate it as such. I live in an area where the only choice for cable internet service is Comcast. The price for my monthly service keeps going up, and, while modest speed increases are occasionally delivered, nothing is currently stopping Comcast from throttling my access to the internet. And I have no other option for a cable internet provider. This is the very definition of a monopoly, and it should be stopped. Please don't allow Internet Service Providers to destroy Net Neutrality!

—Nick Tsihlis, Buffalo Grove, IL

Net neutrality is important to me because the internet is a source of knowledge for everything that I do. I am a university student and I frequently use the internet to grasp important concepts. I train in Brazilian jiu jitsu and also frequently use the internet to discover new techniques better than others as well as a resource for a safe and fun training. In addition to this I also hike a lot around the Canadian Rockies and frequently use the internet for back country route finding. I believe Net Neutrality is what truly allows me access to all these resources online without delay and interruptions. Net neutrality has practically saved my life hiking/mountaineering, finishing assignments and training safely in BJJ by allowing people a ready access to lesser known websites in the same way as well known ones such as Facebook and Netflix.

—Nikolay, Calgary,

Man, is important for everyone: for education, for information, for communication and for cute kittens gifs. I'm not against companies making money, I'm against companies making money AND giving the rest of us the finger. Stop this nonsense, please.

—Andres Vargas, Medellín,

Net Neutrality is about SO MUCH MORE than simply how much we end-users do or do not pay to access different types of online resources. The Internet provides never-before imagined ability for obtaining knowledge, promoting an informed citizenry, and supporting the democratic nature of American society. This ONLY true because of Net Neutrality. To end Net Neutrality would be equivalent to allowing a public school (or a public library) to charge students to use certain textbooks, databases, classes, or other materials & services purely because the publisher of that material demands it. The Internet significantly reduces the gap in this country between the information "have's" and "have-not's." Ending Net Neutrality would have the potential for completely wiping this out and likely even increasing the gap.

—Mary McCord DeFlorio, Elgin, TX

As a small and I mean small business that uses the Net to get our product out to the people, I count on Net neutrality. I cannot compete with huge companies as it is... but at least with Net Neutrality there is a chance that my jewelry might see the light of day. And the USA is based on freedoms, don't take more of them away! Please.

—K Sanders, Weehawken, NJ

Because the internet is too slow now and it would only get slower.

—Lois Swanson, South St. Paul, MN

Net Neutrality is important for free speech and democracy. If, instead of Net Neutrality, there's a fast and a slow lane for the internet, then not all voices are given an equal chance at being heard. Denying equal voice on the internet is denying free speech (especially for normal people writing blogs or sharing their interests). Lack of equal voice would also badly hurt small companies (thus giving larger companies a chance to wipe them out), which would give rise to more monopolies (and probably a slanting of the truth, because only the news that the controlling company approved of would be easy to find). In a democracy, all voices should have the chance to be heard equally. Please help us by restoring Net Neutrality to keep a few rich companies from dictating where we eat, what we read, what we buy, and what news we get. Thank you.

—Erika Smith, Champaign, IL



This is a no-brainer: the internet is an essential public utility, and should be classified as such. Don't let the cable companies have their way. They want to extract more money from their already profitable business, which will mean higher costs for consumers, and worse service.  
—Ben Heidenreich, Watertown, MA

Aside from the obvious implications of restricted the free market, it is also not fair to the consumer! I have should be free to consume any providers content unimpeded no matter if they are big enough to pay my cable provider (by my cable provider) for the privilege or not!! As someone who already pays a premium for "guaranteed" bandwidth for all data that I consume, it is not ethical for you to allow my cable provider to reduce the available bandwidth of my content provider of preference!! It is not ethical for you to allow my cable provider to "double dip". If you are charging the content providers for bandwidth, then it should be free to me!  
—Dale Sanford, Lynn Haven, FL

the government shouldn't be involved with an open internet where everyone should be able to access data at a fast speed  
—Andrew Sloat, stony brook, NY

The whole idea on which the internet was founded was a free flow of information. Allowing select mega-corporations to dictate what is readily accessible and what is difficult or slow to access is a form of censorship of the most reprehensible sort. Contrary to some rulings, corporations are not people. By definition, their obligations is to make money for their shareholders, rather than to make decisions of fair, good moral conscience. The internet with free and equal access has allowed the technological and informational advances of the 21st century. As a commission appointed to serve the United States citizenry, you are obliged to uphold free access. Failure to do so can lead us to a future depicted in science fiction, where mega-corps hold all the power, governance by the people is an outdated model, and all restaurants are Taco Bell.  
—Amy BeberVanzo, Petaluma, CA

More choices for consumers lead to better products. Less choices and sanctioned monopolies lead to stagnation and lack of progress.  
—Michal Chmielewski, San Jose, CA

#### I WANT NET NEUTRALITY. EQUALITY FOR ALL

—Teri McComb, veneta, OR

I have an online business and have been in business since 2003. The economy is bad enough at this time, we cannot afford to either pay more for a faster internet or cause us time and sales because you've made the internet slower for those who do not have the money to pay for the fastest internet. PLEASE consider we small business owners who make our living online and are definitely not making the money we used to. This will cause a loss in sales revenue and it is actually just not fair. Keep it the way it is. Thank you.  
—Wynter Nash, Youngstown, FL

Please keep the internet "net neutral", corporations shouldn't be able to hold information hostage because someone can't pay for the "fast kind" of internet. Internet access should be used for knowledge, betterment of the world, ISP's and the like should not be able to control speed or access. Don't ve lobbied by corporate interests, keep the net neutral!  
—Jay Croswell, Tucson, AZ

Destroying Net Neutrality will do still more egregious damage to the already unconscionable double standards that exist in this country for the wealthy and the poor: by allowing the size of one's bank account to determine their access to information. This is absolutely wrong, especially for the pathetic goal of putting a few more dollars in the pockets of massive communications giants who already own a de facto monopoly on American media. Leave the internet out of it.  
—Hazel Jones, Austin, TX

Americans need more access, transparency and innovation on the internet -- not less, which is exactly what these proposed rule changes will produce. The FCC's rules changes will undermine one of the fundamental tenets of the internet -- the core principal that all data is treated equally. Americans' 'choices' about internet access are increasingly restricted to a handful of providers -- the large cable corporations that will benefit economically from these rules changes -- at increasing cost. Now the FCC is proposing new rules that will fundamentally strengthen the monopoly power of these large cable corporations at the expense of the rest of us, at a time when Americans are increasingly reliant on the internet for a host of vital endeavors, from seeking employment to engaging with elected officials. What Americans need is low-cost/no-cost access to a level playing field for the data of all people and projects -- not a new set of rules that enrich monopoly corporations at the expense of tech innovation, information exchange and democratic rights. Support net neutrality and reject these unfair, undemocratic rules.

—Christine Geovanis, Chicago, IL

Regulate the ISPs as common carriers; restore net neutrality. America's future innovation and growth is at stake. Thank you

—Eric Sizemore, Champaign, IL

THE INTERNET WAS MEANT TO BE FREE. LEAVE IT FREE!!!

—Benjamin Mosley, Brooklyn, NY

An open and free Internet that treats everyone equally is important to our grass-roots democracy. Period.

—Sara Bhakti, Kirkland, WA

Our Message to Federal Communications Commission The Internet thrives because it is an open and free marketplace of ideas. This new set of rules is a sweetheart deal to Big Telecom that will create a "pay-to-play" system that unfairly favors large corporate websites. Please reject this proposal immediately, and instead create real Net neutrality that protects an open and fair Internet.

—Scott Duzan, denver, CO

You must do the right thing and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. If you fail to do so by acquiescing to the power of money, the only foreseeable winners will be the people at the top and the mega entities who need no further help from government to continue to fleece the rest of us -- and you know it.

—Carlos Ginebra, Stony Point, NY

I can't believe president Obama would put a fox in charge of the hen house. One FCC Chair who would clear the way for the crippling what precious little competition remains in the access of Internet provision and speed and further limiting the Freedom and Liberty of the American people. We the Consumers paying out of our asses to make the rich and powerful and protected even more rich and powerful and protected; Comcast, Verizon, et al! I'm incensed at the FCC's complicity in destroying Net Neutrality and making this country even less great! FUCK YOU, FCC! FUCK YOU!

—Vince Webb, Sacramento, CA

Growing up in a family that has run it's own small business for over 50 years, the importance of small business has been ingrained in my upbringing. It has instilled in me the appreciation of the essential role that small businesses play in our country's economy, one that is being tirelessly beat-down by big business legislation that makes it more difficult for small businesses to survive. Net neutrality must be saved due to the negative impact that it would have on our small businesses, negatively effecting our country as a whole, as small businesses are the engine of economic growth and job creation in our country. By overturning net neutrality legislation, the FCC would be doing a disservice to our small businesses, ultimately giving the upper-hand to large corporations who can pay-to-play in this big-business arena.

—Katie Brown, Madison, CT

Keep NET NEUTRALITY!

—Joe lewis, Lexington, KY



The FCC's proposed Internet rules will destroy open competition, stifle creativity, and hurt consumers in the United States. They ONLY good that will come out of this proposed change is to line the pockets of the already monopolistic providers with even more money than they already rape us for. Stand up for the American PEOPLE, FCC. Throw out these proposed rule changes instigated by corporate lobbyists and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Scott McCluney, Ashburn, VA

This is like a communist country does by controlling the net. These people who want to control the net should go live there and have more of their life controlled if they like control .

—Kenneth John Rowe, Loveland, CO

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—Tera Broering, Chicago, IL

The FCC should not be joining the Supreme Court in an aggressive effort to limit all access and free speech to only the richest and most powerful people and corporations. The internet MUST remain equally available to all, including my small business, which cannot afford to pay large corporate prices to reach its customers.

—Elizabeth Bartlett, Jarrell, TX

Please keep Net Neutrality! Stop supporting the lobbying of the cable/satellite and major media giants that are threatened by the internet innovators. All that will happen is that consumers will end up paying more! Protect the public above the special interests, as your charter mission is defined.

—Ed, Surprise, AZ

Don't want a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us.

—David Fay, Pewaukee, WI

I am disabled and wheelchair bound. I use the internet as my window to the world for the most part. To sit back and even contemplate letting these mega companies have control over the internet is the most egregious example of the government being paid off for big business to get anything they want. It's shameful that we lag behind so many other countries that make it a priority to provide this service and in a much better way then the U.S. because the dollar controls the politicians in America!!!

—Larry Barker, Cleburne, TX

Internet Service Providers should be reclassified as common carriers. Internet should be less expensive and net neutrality should be protected to the utmost. Do not end Net Neutrality. Having a two tiered system plays into the bias that we Americans feel and face already - that there are two Americas. It gets ever more difficult for families to pay bills and achieve what we thought were standard goals. Do not take away net neutrality. It would add to the pile of things that are wrong.

—Maureen Ferrante, South Setauket, NY

Don't fix something that is not broken! Leave Net Neutrality alone. The proposed changes will end up costing all consumers more money and take away our choices and limit our services. We have already seen this in our TV cable choices. Please protect the free flow of data we currently have access too we are very frustrated to have no choice for our cable company.

—Patrick Frodel, Hood River, OR

Net Neutrality is vital to the sharing of ideas and information. Everyone's voice can be heard. Voices who pay to be in a "fast lane" should not be stifling the voices who won't.

—Christopher Petree, Centerville, OH

I'm 76, on social security, so I have a limited income. The internet is my main connection to the world. I have enough trouble with the service provided by AT&T and don't need any other ways for them to erode it any further. A free internet provides me with ways to learn new things every day; to connect with my family and friends; to enjoy films and programs I cannot otherwise afford; to shop; to pay bills and many other features that might be impeded by the new rules that are being proposed. PLEASE do not eliminate net neutrality.

—Betsy Gingerich, Kalamazoo, MI

You're trying to "fix" something that doesn't need to be fixed. All that you are trying to do is make more money and make it harder for the small guy. The only person that benefit from this are cable companies who over charge people any ways.

—Daniel Sullivan, Dundas,

I just want to my support to the movement / petition for maintaining net neutrality. Better to focus on how to make the internet, and access to, it better for all than for a few. Sincerely, Scott Flood

—Scott H. Flood, Orleans, MA

Net Neutrality is a matter of Civil Rights. In fact it's a matter of Human Rights. It's about freedom of expression and freedom of association.

—Kris Metzker, Troy, ID

"Don't Be Evil." Signed, the internet.

—Annie Medberry, Rochester, MN

A two tier system will discriminate against ordinary people like me and my family. The internet was created to benefit everyone equally, not to favour the rich and powerful.

—Vanessa Brown, Brighton,

Net Neutrality is absolutely critical to our online business. We depend on a level playing field to reach our customers. And as a consumer, I also strongly prefer an internet that is balanced and fair. I will continue to vote for politicians and policies that also support Net Neutrality.

—Susan, Seattle, WA

Hello, to me the rapid spread of information and ability to access it via the internet is one of the greatest achievements of modern times. Never before have people, all people, had such a vehicle in which to share their views, ideas, and knowledge. To restrict the internet's potential for good by permitting companies to manipulate the speed and quality of internet services based on whether or not a premium of their choosing was paid is paramount to holding many people's businesses, education, and many favorite activities hostage. As such I find the proposed rules for the internet unacceptable.

—Kendall Gaj, brecksville, OH

I'm not sure what I could say that would make a difference to you. If you don't understand or don't care by now, there's not much I can do about that on my own. But I hope you do understand, and you do care. If you don't, I hope the people who do will keep fighting.

—Hannah DuBose, York, PA

Net Neutrality is a cornerstone of internet business integrity. As the owner of a web based enterprise, to think that my existence will be tested by the greed of an already terrible cable oligopoly is disgraceful. I cannot fathom how the FCC has allowed this nightmarish situation to have proceeded this far. Reclassify broadband providers as common carriers, and protect the American people from this outrageous power grab. You will either be remembered as the men who stood up to big cable, and served the American People above all else -or- you will be remembered as pushovers who let cable company lobbyists sway you more than the calls of your constituents. Your failure will be inescapable, as the "Wheeler Lane" is already a common phrase. Only the FCC can change this. Protect Net Neutrality, and stand with all of us. Perhaps it is a fools hope, but I have faith that the FCC will hear reason, and revise their rules to come to a better compromise for everyone. Thank you.

—Alex, Wisconsin Rapids, WI



It's time to bite the bullet: reverse Mr. Powell's ill advised decision and put ISPs in the right box: COMMON CARRIERS. He gave them a chance to make a larger profit in order to stimulate investment, and they promptly told the public to go piss up a rope - they trampled on net neutrality. There is only one way to go, one thing to do: take back the net for us, its users. PLEASE!!

—Barry Rein, High Falls, NY

This is the dumbest thing I've heard of. I may not be American, this might not necessarily affect me but it then again it does because the internet is for everyone, regardless of their financial situation. It should not be toyed with like this. And let me tell you, you will not win this war. There is no way in hell this will become a thing. Even if these 'rules' or whatever you want to call them somehow pass, I can guarantee nobody will be buying anything. Nobody. So stop.

—Holly Webb, Dunedin,

Dear FCC: I am a longtime computer user who also helped design and construct some of the largest corporate websites in existence today, with full e-commerce functionality. These efforts helped create the boom in tech companies that has contributed to the overall growth of the U.S. economy. This came about in part because ordinary citizens were able to make full use of the functionality required for banking, investing, commerce of many kinds of goods and services, and so on. This is the spirit in which the World Wide Web was built, further developed, and thrived. I remember the days of slow-loading websites with productive minutes and hours wasted thrumming my fingers on the desk waiting for a site to load, and I am completely opposed to the creation of any rule or law that would, in effect, return us to those primitive days by allowing some channels to deliver content more rapidly than others, based on additional fees. I support net neutrality 100 percent. I oppose Chairman Wheeler's plan for a two-tiered Internet. It is a huge and hugely misguided attempt to make more money for a few, but it would be economically disastrous for the entire country. Please throw out all consideration of these onerous rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Elizabeth L. Martens Taxpayer, registered voter, and longtime supporter to the Internet, the Web, and other ways of allowing the free and open flow of information, available to all

—Elizabeth Martens, Chicago, IL

FCC Rule: All telecommunications common carriers (e.g. Comcast, Verizon, ATT) shall treat all internet data equally, without regard to content and without preference for any entity or individual. Would the FCC condone preferential phone service for wealthy customers and poor phone service for everyone else? Would the FCC allow a phone company to block phone service if it disliked the political views of the caller? Would the FCC allow a telecommunications carrier to dictate the content of transmissions? The concept of "neutrality" isn't new. Do the job you were hired to do. Protect the public interest.

—Nikki Alexander, Ventura, CA

Internet usage is a great equalizer in today's world, and needs to be considered a right, not a privilege. Net neutrality is vital.

—Keli O'Dell, Philadelphia, PA

Net Neutrality means that we will not get internet at the highest possible price because the corporations won't be the "Gate keepers". The average American needs internet at an affordable price. We need open access to the internet, not what greedy corporations will give us. Thank you

—Roberto Lovato, Portland, OR

Level playing field for everybody!

—Christopher McNamara, Commack, NY

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—Greg Johnson, Springfield, OR

I do not want my ISP to have control over how I access the internet. I believe the internet should remain open and everyone should have equal access. THE NET MUST REMAIN NEUTRAL AND FREE AT ALL COSTS!

—SP Ryan, port st lucie, FL

Please do not approve the proposed new internet rules. A tiered internet will have a trickle down effect on those who can least afford to pay for faster internet speeds! Public schools already struggle to provide adequate technology and internet access for underprivileged students. Please don't make gaining access to the internet and it's educational necessities that much harder for the poor to attain. The poor will be shut out by only those privileged enough to afford high speed internet. An increase in costs will be passed on to tax payers in order to provide high speed internet in government offices and libraries. This will increase college education costs as well. Don't let big money and big business control or gain a monopoly on high speed internet!

—Randi A. Thomas, Little Rock, AR

Is there any point in the future where government is going to do what is right vs. what will line their pockets best? We're already dealing with the misguided Supreme Court. Continue net neutrality vs. the gains of the giant service providers.

—Andrew Potvin, Willimantic, CT

Horrible idea all the way around

—Joe, phoenix, AZ

We need yo keep Net Neutrality Alive!

—Michael, Sierra Madre, CA

The internet must maintain equality. It is the only place where how much money you have does not matter. This would ruin the internet.

—Edward Tunnah, Lethbridge,

Comcast and Verizon are clearly monopolies. Please do your job and regulate the industry in a way that promotes competition. Also why is it not okay to show breasts, but someone getting shot and killed is okay? More breasts less shooting.

—Ben Rapisardi, adelphi, MD

The internet shouldn't be better for those with more money and power. Protect Net Neutrality.

—Cari, Brooklyn, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I want all internet traffic to be equal. No one should have to pay more to have the same data speeds regardless of who pays more, a company who has data or a customer who wants it. Any change to net neutrality is just a way for internet providers to charge more for something we already have.

—Michael Spilatro, Rochester, NY

Net neutrality is important to me because I need the internet to work for ME, not for big business. Net Neutrality should be for the public.

—Laurel Leslie, Kailua, HI

The internet should remain free. Ending net neutrality would be a blatant gift to cable company lobbyists. It would be a travesty and a sham and should not be allowed. The fact that it is even being considered is despicable.

—Melinda McMahan, Houston, TX



Though likely a useless exercise, I am, never the less, submitting this comment in vigorous opposition to the FCC's proposed Rules change since your commission hasn't yet gotten around to eliminating the Fig-Leaf-like pretense of "inviting" Public comment on such matters. The very presence of the former, chief lobbyist for the U.S. Telecom Industry as Chairman of your commission makes clear to any reasonably thoughtful citizen that the debate over the future of our nation's Internet is a rigged game. Sadly, your supposed "stewardship" of the U.S. Communication system and it's stakeholders has been a charade for decades. It is no accident that the only meaningful exposure being given to the lavish, monopolistic gift Chairman Wheeler hopes to hand his Telecom pals is coming from Citizen Activists and Comedy Show hosts. Thanks to your commission's "oversight" of National Television networks, they have long since dispensed with quaint concepts like the "Public Interest Standard" and the "Fairness Doctrine." The FCC has systematically freed them of having to provide any Public service in exchange for their free, automatically renewed Broadcast licenses, allowing them to focus solely on profit. Clearly, these networks have determined that there is no profit in enlightening the nation on this critical issue, or virtually any other important issue. The chaotic, Free-market of the Internet has become the venue of Public discourse and debate, maintaining a free-flow of ideas and fostering, in general, the well informed citizenry so vital to upholding democracy. But, as these quaint ideas appear to be preventing the Internet's Profit potential, Chairman Wheeler and his "former" clients are poised to dispense with them as well. Most sincerely, Mark Locke 2282 Stow St. Simi Valley, CA. 93063

—Mark Locke, Simi Valley, CA

The internet is as close to free speech as the modern world has ever come...but I guess it goes against the interests of the corporation state. Why else would this legislation have been proposed? People are more important than Powers, and serving the interest of the people is the only legitimate function of authority in a constitutional democracy. Therefore this plan is manifestly anti-democratic, and can have no legitimacy under the current system. We, the people, depend upon those in authority to protect our freedom. It is their only legitimate function.

—Joshua Stanton, Winnipeg,

Please allow the internet to remain an open and level playing field. The notion of large corporations being able to pay for preferred bandwidth, the equivalent of an HOV or Carpool lane is a terrible idea. It will hinder economic growth and ultimately mean that internet users will end up paying more for services that they comparatively (to other countries) already pay more for. Not to mention the fact that internet users are already subject to an effective monopoly controlled by less than a handful of service providers.

—Joseph Woods, Culver City, CA

Do any of you gigantic multi-billion dollar companies think about the good of the people? Are you all evil spawn with nothing better to do than sit in a boardroom hatching new plans to screw over the lowly commoners? Get over yourselves. Don't fix something that isn't broken just to continue lining your pockets. Ridiculous!!

—Sarah Dahl, Fairview, MT

Net Neutrality is the vehicle for one of America's most fundamental beliefs to be enacted and expressed through the internet, I speak of course of Free Enterprise. This nation's giants were built by pioneers, men who started out as nobodies but ended as innovators. Don't turn perhaps the most free place IN MODERN SOCIETY into Metropolis 3000. KILL THE BILL!!!! THIS IS THE WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!

—Michael Boagni, Lafayette, LA

Under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934, the FCC can ensure "common carriers" like the telephone companies serve the "public interest" and do not discriminate in who can use their services. The internet is absolutely a point of public interest, and as such, carriers should not discriminate in providing internet service. After all, in these times of economic distress for all but a lucky few, how well is the public served by an internet that is limited in use unless you have the disposable income to buy your way into a higher tier? Net neutrality is necessary. Classify the internet as title II. It's the only way information and communication will freely flow.

—Leslie Kirby, Conway, AR

Tom, Don't allow the discrimination of user data by giant profit-seeking ISPs. This will destroy the open internet and will give an unfair advantage to those with enough funds to dominate internet speeds. This would effectively hurt the nature of the internet which should be an equal playing field for all. Don't bow to big business, fight for the little guy. Do the right thing. Sincerely, Jaime

—Jaime, New York, NY

As a citizen who believes that the Internet should NEVER be a pay to play system; I urgently ask you to, for once, let the 99% have what they truly want. Tom Wheeler is a two faced insider who has NO business being in the position he is in. A fraud and a stooge. Make the Internet a common carrier and tell big tele-comm no.

—Steve Engle, Jefferson, TX

When Comcast was allowed to absorb Universal one of the commissioners who approved the takeover which reduced competition took a job with Comcast a week or two after she voted approval. Who will Tom Wheeler be working for after this is approved- AT&T, Comcast, Verizon? Do your job FCC and protect the consumer from monopolies instead of enhancing the bottom line of companies that are already making plenty of money. They don't need your help.

—Sal Rapisardi, Silver Spring, MD

Net neutrality is important to me because, as a blogger and writer, my life's work depends on equal access to websites that I know for a fact will be slowed if this happens. Millions of Americans like me work this way scraping out a living in a "fair" country. At this point, to pass this law would to put the final nail in the coffin of equality and rights to all peoples and their businesses.

—Sarah, Tallahassee, FL

Net Neutrality is immoral it is wrong and needs to be stopped. Just leave the internet the way it is. Thank you very much!

—David MacNeil, Brampton,

Net neutrality is very important, leave the freedom of the net alone!

—Jane dee smith, Commack, NY

Once we allow the internet to be controlled by corporations, the United States will become a third world country in regards to the internet and world wide web. Your willingness to allow this is beyond reprehensible. My only request is that you THINK before permitting this first step towards the end of the internet as we know it.

—Henry Sitzman, Woodbury, TN

It is horrifying that the FCC is even considering moves that would relegate startups to second-class citizen status online and deprive us all of the incredible creativity that has been unleashed by a free and open internet. Shame on you. Serve the American people and work to ensure Net Neutrality.

—Jonathan Moretz, Norfolk, VA

Net Neutrality is the communications medium of this century just as the telephone was for the last century. Allowing equal access to all will insure a level playing field, critical for a free media and future advancements.

—J Kelly, Olalla, WA

I could tell you that Net Neutrality is important to me because I'm tired of hearing my dad complain that he had to cancel his Netflix subscription and can no longer watch Amazon Prime videos on his "20Mbps" (ha!) downstream service because Comcast has throttled their bandwidth below the watchability threshold -- sometimes to the point where Amazon Prime simply disconnects. But the fundamental reason Net Neutrality is important to me is because when I pay roughly twice as much as people in other developed countries pay for "20Mbps" (ha!) downstream service, I want to GET 20Mbps downstream service from WHATEVER DAMN SITE I choose to visit. I don't want my ISP shaking down upstreamers to extort even \*more\* money from the other end, and throttling those who won't or can't pony up. Right now, I can think of exactly ONE application that deserves a guaranteed, priority "hyperspeed lane", possibly at the expense of the rest: real-time robotic telesurgery over the Net. Everybody else should be treated equally, and streamed at whatever speed the end user pays for.

—Peter Craig Martin, Seattle, WA

Please do something about this. You can and should immediately move to protect free speech, consumers and network neutrality either through reclassifying broadband providers as telecommunications services or acting to promote broadband deployment.

—Julian G Romero II, Converse, TX



The Internet was created by U.S. TAXPAYER'S dollars, and should NEVER be allowed to favor ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC COMPANY over ANY OTHER ENTITY. Keep the Internet FREE and totally available to ALL.

—Tony Bean, West Topsham, VT

The internet is a public utility, not a private service for the 1 percent.

—Joseph Lyford, Orinda, CA

The Internet should be a free place and everyone should have equal access to it.

—Chandeepe Wijaya, Austin, TX

Internet is fair ground, do not allow cable companies to bully or bribe their way into how people can access the internet. FCC is suppose to protect the internet not hand it over to a few monopolies to cash in.

—David Ruiz, North hills, CA

Do something for those of us who cannot afford top dollar internet and set an example that everyone Does Matter. Not just the wealthy. Throw old rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Protect Net Neutrality. We Really need this!

—Anne Klausky, Daytona Beach,, FL

The Internet is information. We all need it and shouldn't be afraid to use it.

—Iulia Gheza, Santandrei,

creating a 2 tier internet would be comparable to a 2 tier AM or FM radio band system. Simply illegal.

—Jon, dennis, MA

The internet has made it possible for everyone to have a chance at building a business, building an online portfolio, etc... With rising cable/internet costs this is just another obstacle for young people, ALL people rather, to overcome in our attempt to build a life here in America. PLEASE end this initiative, PROTECT Net Neutrality.

—Jacob Yoffee, Van nuys, CA

Keep internet access the same for everyone. Keep Net Neutrality fair for everyone keep ALL ISPs as common carriers.

—Scott DeJong, Aliso Viejo, CA

This should be self-evident. As we approach a new age, the internet, and all the devices and services that run off of the internet, will be a keystone in our lives. To start this new age off with monopolies and to stiffen competition will lead to lower innovation, non-invested citizens and add to the overall devaluing of America. Our title as a world power is slowly waning and it is in part due to legislation that limits new players and their ideas. There is only one logical reason to end net neutrality; bribes. A vote against Net Neutrality will be seen as a vote against democracy, and the publics opinion.

—Todd G., seattle, WA

FCC, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Dennis Fahey, Rapid City, SD

Net neutrality is one of the best parts of the internet. It must be maintained to keep free competition and protect data on the internet. Putting money in the pockets of time warner cable and comcast is not the purpose of the internet.

—Paul Wolf, Durham, NC

Please keep an open playing field for the internet. Tiered speeds are anti-competitive and could limit the growth of new business and technologies on the net.

—Gerald McDonald, Austin, TX

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Carol Denson, Austin, TX

It's bad enough that we have some of the slowest speeds in the industrialized world - now you want to censure us? Don't expect us to stand for that!

—Carrie Rowe, Lansing, MI

do not discriminate...we need to be free to say what we think and feel without fears. this IS a free country correct? I do believe there are larger issues facing us.

—Kim Davis, Bloomington, IN

The internet is freedom of information and expression. It is a compendium of knowledge at our fingertips. It is a place where anyone can achieve anything. To put that in danger by placing its control in the hands of individuals only concerned with profit is dangerous, short-sighted, and astronomically stupid. Protect our future and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Dian Samuelson, Sacramento, CA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is important to me because of the lack of competition that our government (at various levels) has established for internet providers. In a perfect world I could consider Chairman Wheeler's proposal if we were operating in truly a free market where competitors could determine if/when content providers would be charged and how much per user. Since we don't have that, the very few ISPs that exist would without recourse be able to double dip on their revenue (from the customer and then the services that the consumer uses). These providers are realizing as consumers consider additional entertainment eyeball hours (i.e. the Internet) they are threatened and are looking ways to remain relevant as consumer preferences change. They are looking to their Hall of Fame inductee to save their business. Another concern of mine is that as our country falls behind in internet infrastructure and education in technology and the sciences this very concept could help our great country catch up to the rest of the world.

—Daniel Mestas, Bloomington, IL

The end of net neutrality would only benefit corporations who stand to profit from it. The FCC should serve the American people and take actions that are in the best interest of its constituency. If actions aren't taken on your behalf to maintain net neutrality then you're basically trading our interests to create a new revenue stream for internet service providers. Just think how devastating this would be for small businesses & entrepreneurs who will suddenly have a new obstacle making it even more difficult to compete with large resourceful companies. Isn't small business supposed to be at the forefront of our economic recovery? The free and clear internet we currently experience has empowered people, organizations and corporations alike, the introduction of a tiered system would be snatching that power from all who cannot afford this new 'speed tax' and the web will now reflect society with its very own system of economic classes.

—Joshua Johnson, ARLINGTON, TN

Where to start....Meredith Baker? The cronyism in this deal is unbelievable.

—Constantine Tzortzis, Cumming, GA

If it wasn't for open internet, we would not be advancing as a world society at the rates you see today. Please do not allow these companies to have the ability to regulate the flow of our information and ideas.

—Shawn Hamm, Bloomer, WI

You are strangling the entire future's worth of free speech in its crib. PLEASE maintain Net Neutrality. Fail to do so and you will be remembered as some of history's greatest villains.

—Mr. Jason Porath, Los Angeles, CA



Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!

—Mike Doyle, Austin, TX

Please keep the internet free of further restrictions that only benefit big businesses!

—David B Gray, Cincinnati, OH

It would let a corporation choose which sites I get to see and or at what speed I get to see them? No!

—Sara McCartney, Soquel, CA

Keep the people's faith intact! Do not allow the internet be run by corporations and lobbyists.

—John Bebout, Encinitas, CA

I've been involved with 4 successful internet startups in my career, and there's a good chance that none of them would have been able to survive had they been forced to compete with larger companies that had access to better internet pipes to the consumer. Not maintaining net neutrality would be a disaster for innovation in this country.

—Kevin Hermida, New York, NY

I am an independent musician, music publisher and producer. The open Internet is essential to my business and I strongly urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. When you think about it, they are common carriers. They provide an essential service which we have come to use as regularly as the phone or electricity. The effects of losing Net Neutrality are easily predicated, and they are bad for the vast majority of businesses and citizens. They favor one sector only in a way that is unfair in myriad ways. Please don't get this one wrong. Thank you.

—Eric Dinwiddie, Oakland, CA

The Internet is not owned by anyone and everyone MUST have the same rights and privileges when using it! WE NEED REAL NET NEUTRALITY! NOW!

—Emily C., Salt Lake City, UT

Re-Classify All ISP as common carrier in order to have an open internet. Pushing out this so called plan Chairman Wheeler will turn our free nation into china in terms of limiting the internet.

—Andres Rosas Jr., San Antonio, TX

When the carriers controlled the mobile internet we had WAP. It was rubbish. Internet traffic needs to flow uninterrupted in order for the internet to be the great thing that it is. Carriers run their lines across public & private land without paying rent. They accept public benefit, they must act in the public good, or lose this public benefit. Internet traffic should be treated in the same way as phone lines with internet providers being classed as common carriers.

—Rowan Wernham, Brooklyn, NY

Do not create a two-tiered internet. Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Jana Prewitt, Burke, VA

I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it killing net neutrality would do is not only create further monopolies and anti-consumer pricing plans but would kill start up business's, create a genuinely biased environment that by its nature will kill the big 3 cable companies competition, and in general damage competing alternative services like Netflix, Hulu, and other legal streaming services.

—James Rhoades, Garden City, MI

WE DONT WANT THIS, people usually tell others to "grow up" but in this case i would like to say "think young" this is only going to hurt progress and idea's. think of open computing all the contributions that will be terminated because of sloppy old world thinking like this!  
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE! Think.

—Joshua Webster, Saratoga Springs, UT

Net Neutrality is one of the fundamental issues we face today. Internet access should absolutley be considered a utility. I had someone explain it to me like this. Imagine internet access is the same as water access. Would you allow people to pay more for higher quality water? Would you force people to drink toxic water if they could not afford anything else? I do not think so. The beauty of the internet is that it allows people to build something out of nothing. You don't need millions of dollars to enter. As long as you have a good idea you are able to make a name for yourself, even start a business. The backbone of our nation is built on the cultivation of innovation. Neutrality only enhances this process. To cut it off now is a kin to cutting off a brighter future.

—Christopher Essner, Hoboken, NJ

Guys please please please don't do this, you will DESTROY the internet and crush what is the future growth of this country. You already screwed up once, don't ruin everything else.

—Ben Welch-Bolen, Fayetteville, AR

THE largest "revenue" source for the U.S. Government is Small to Medium sized businesses... WAKE UP... these businesses need access to faster and less expensive "services" to remain competitive on a global level... they don't need a mid-evil toll both troll to charge higher fees for more limited access to the information highway... A TWO TIERED SYSTEM IS NOT ONLY DISCRIMINATION IT IS A BANKRUPT PLAN... RECLASSIFY THE CARRIERS !!! !!! !!! !

—Bookout Bookout, Santa Clara, CA

reclassify isp's as common carriers, we don't want a 2-tier internet.

—Ian Davies, york,

throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Cam Blair, Midvale, UT

The internet is a great economic generator in this country. Don't allow local ISPs to have final say over what can and cannot be sent into my house at full speed. I already pay them for my connection - they shouldn't be able to double dip!

—Matthew Runo, Henderson, NV

The Internet is the greatest tool for communication humanity has yet invented. Allowing corporate interests to moderate this communication will limit the enormous positive contributions the Internet can make to the global community in exchange for some greedy businessmen to increase their profit margins. Don't ruin it!

—Sayre Christenson, Troy, NY

The internet should not become an unaffordable commodity. The only reason comcast is pursuing this is so they can put more money into their pockets. I understand that this is a business decision but at what point do we draw the line? The internet should remain an affordable and **USABLE** commodity for all. If this law goes through, even people that have enough money to pay their bill will likely not be able to use the internet properly due to the low speeds they'll get as a part of the "cheaper" package.

—Boris Agababian, Round Lake, IL

the government is taking away our freedoms one by one. they already assume too much power and ways to make more money and expect the citizens to make it the best way we can while sucking up all of peoples freedoms and think that we won't notice. i stand against this proposal.

—Harry & Pamela Perry, GENOA, WV



The net is a tool that can be used for everyone. It is a resource equivalent to air. If we measure the net it would be the same as measuring air.  
—Diana Silva, Hallandale, FL

FCC: The future of the Internet must be protected from this proposed plan to allow rampant discrimination online! The proposed Internet rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Tom Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. This would give power to these companies to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Discard these proposed rules and instead reclassify ISP's as "common carriers."

—Michael E. Cease, Tucson, AZ

The Internet should be a free and open platform where money does not buy privileged access. If the rules you're considering had been in effect during the last 15 years or so, the innovation and business growth we've seen online would probably not have happened. Please don't give our Internet away!

—Michael W. Levine, Bloomfield, NJ

You'd have to be stupid or not care about thousands of people to let this happen. It's discrimination and it's allowing business to take control of something free and for public use.

—Chris, Macon, GA

The internet is the great equalizer that gives everyone a voice and an equal footing. We should never even consider allowing corporate, or government, quest for money to take away from this.

—Wesley Prater, Houston, TX

You can't possibly believe that large companies can be trusted. The more concentration, the higher prices and the less freedom. Stop this NOW!! Net neutrality in law and regulations.

—Rick Teplitz, Los Angeles, CA

A two-tiered Internet would benefit absolutely no one except for ISP companies. It would be a disservice to customers and any business that depends on an open Internet to thrive. Network Neutrality is essential to make sure businesses can thrive and people maintain to use the Internet how they choose to.

—Corey Williams, North Dinwiddie, VA

I would think it would be best for everyone that you would find a way to understand that Net Neutrality is very important for worldwide growth. You see, I want to become an artist, and I spend a lot of time on a website called deviantart. think of it as facebook for artists, allowing people to upload photos, files, stories, and even videos of what they create, and I have the ability to comment on them, telling them what they did great, some things they could do better, and meet with other like-minded people. If your plan does work, it could mean significantly slow the growth of places like deviantart and many other places. I urge you to reconsider your plans and keep Net Neutrality in effect in order to help future websites grow on their own, and not because they have the extra money for faster internet. Thank you for reading.

—Connor, Helena, MT

Net Neutrality is imperative to our democracy. "...wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights." -Thomas Jefferson, 1789

—Jason Hughes, Baltimore, MD

Net Neutrality is one of the most important issues facing our nation today, and the loss of it could have devastating consequences for all sorts of basic rights we hold dear, including freedom of speech, access to basic health and legal services etc. More and more of our everyday private, public, civic, financial, and consumer transactions are happening online, and so it is imperative that all have equal access to that platform and that corporations are not allowed to create restrictions for their own benefit. I strongly urge the FCC to take a stand and fight for a free internet!

—Amanda Hubbard, Seattle, WA

Please don't allow this to happen. Without net neutrality small business will never be able to make it online and only the big businesses will be able to flourish. The internet is the place where anyone can communicate their ideas to people all over the world. Please don't take this away!

—Alexandra Keane, Cheltenham,

Net Neutrality is critical—retain it. Alice Bedard-Voorhees

—Alice Bedard-Voorhees, Glenwood Springs, CO

Please do not allow Wheeler's plan to slip through. Recognize it for what it, a Trojan horse contrary in spirit, opposed in fact, to Net Neutrality. Do not drop the ball!

—James Cheney, Sherman Oaks, CA

Net Neutrality is very important to me. I'm in the low income class. Why should I have to suffer just because I can't afford it? Quit discriminating!!!!!!!!!!

—Mischelle Throne, Irving, TX

We need to maintain internet neutrality.

—Chris Ream, New York, NY

I want to be able to find what I want on The Internet not based on how much the commercial sites are paying. If the commercials take over the Internet, we will just have to leave it altogether and invent something new. So there is no benefit in ending Net Neutrality.

—Ella Boyle, Santa Monica, CA

YES on NET NEUTRALITY Allowing a 2 tiered Internet opens the gates for many tiers and other restrictions that will ultimately make the Internet a land of have and have-nots. This 2 tiered system reminds me of the new pay lanes on our freeways here in California. Most people are stuck wasting time, wasting fuel, increasing pollution and breathing fumes while the people who can afford to pay whiz on through. Here are three major but not sole reasons to keep the Internet neutral. 1. There is no denying that Internet has changed the press. Today, the Internet is the major source of news and public discourse in the US. The press is the only industry mentioned in the Constitution, and some view it as the fourth branch of government. Freedom of the Press and democracy demand freedom of the Internet. 2. Education - the Internet levels the playing field in education. If an individual wishes, he/she can educate oneself in nearly every field of interest on a free Internet. Keeping the Internet free allows for a better educated population and a richer life for all citizens. 3. Commerce - I don't have the statistics at hand, but there is no denying that our entire economy runs on the Internet now. If the Internet were to be restricted (as additional capacity goes to those who can afford to pay and the rest of the population are stuck in the slow lanes), what will the impact be on our economy? Will people be able to afford start new Internet based businesses? For those who bite the bullet and pay for the fast lane, what are their trade-offs - what aren't they buying because of the added cost? Let's embrace the freedom of the Internet for the sake of our democracy, and ultimately, a brighter, more educated and more prosperous future.

—Cheryl L Kraus, Sacramento, CA

I, and many people like me, use the Internet daily to access information and content that we can only access because we don't have to pay for these services. Creating a "pay to play, learn, teach others, etc." creates an environment where the wealthier you are, the better chance you have of getting your content in an effective and efficient time frame. I see Net Neutrality as an equalizer in a culture and climate that is increasingly becoming "rich s. poor", as the income gap between the two increases and the decline of the middle class continues. Please don't make the Internet another place where money provides the user with a distinct advantage.

—Mildred Savidge, Scotia, NY



Dear FCC, The American people need net neutrality to continue innovation and for the free flow of ideas. Please support net neutrality, it will be in your best interest.

—Paul, Davis, CA

A two-tiered internet would destroy the information superhighway as we know it. Please protect Net Neutrality.

—Christopher Lipa, Sandwich, MA

As you develop a proposal to oversee access to the Internet, I urge you to adopt strong and enforceable open Internet rules that preserve the Internet as the open platform that it is today by recognizing our nation's communications providers as common carriers. Without strong protections, the Internet could devolve into a closed platform in which ISPs will have every motivation to continue to explore ways to boost revenue by imposing discriminatory charges that will decrease the openness of the Internet. I know you have received hundreds of thousands of such recommendations from the many Americans who have been able to use our country's vital Internet infrastructure to build new and innovative businesses without fear that large corporate interests can steal our ideas and opportunities through usurious and anti-competitive fees. There is ample evidence that protecting the open Internet against such threats is critical for users and businesses alike, and to preserve a real competitive advantage for all Americans. Please utilize the clear authority of the FCC under Title II of the Communications Act to reclassify the transmission component of broadband Internet access as a telecommunications service. Recognizing our nation's communications providers as common carriers under the law is common sense. Reclassification would also complement the Commission's efforts to promote innovation, competition and investment in universally available, reliable and affordable broadband infrastructure.

—David Gifford, Gardiner, NY

To : FCC Net Neutrality I think I can speak for many when I say that verizon, AT&T and many others are trying to monopolize the Net and make money off something that doesn't belong to them. I am not sure but smells like someone has been bribed. Please stop this immediately before you ruin all advertising opportunity's and make all stop using the web.

—Jeffrey Armbruster, Los osos, CA

Keep the internet equal for everyone. We need true net neutrality!

—Leroy Scott III, Clinton, IN

We want pure net neutrality. No control should go to the carriers. ISP should not decide which content should get higher preference. This is consumers choice. Please re classify the ISPs as common carriers.

—Prasad, San Diego, CA

Here in Houston, TX, we have enormous freeways with as many as 7 lanes in each direction. Traffic flows most of the day because every lane is free. A two-tiered Internet would make many of these toll lanes, which will speed up a select few and slow down or block everyone else who can't afford the toll. That's unfair, and frankly un-American. Along with the hundreds of thousands you've surely heard from already, I demand that all information be treated equally.

—Tina Peterson Ph.D., Houston, TX

The Internet is a commodity for the public paid for by the people. Please preserve real net neutrality and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Rhianna LaRocque, Brooklyn, NY

Net Neutrality is essential so that the internet remains a space where we can all exchange information and ideas in an environment that doesn't discriminate against any individual regardless of their financial situation, where they live, the color of their skin or their religion. We are all equal on the net. You must not let big business usurp this unique human experience.

—Gordon Cowie, St Alexis des Monts,

Dont be greedy and think about the big picture.

—Vinay Shah, Mumbai,India, CA

Ending net neutrality will allow corporations to create Dictatorships in the web. Each service provider will act like it's own established territory with CEOs deciding everything for the "people in the land" not based on consumer needs but corporate agendas. How does that sound like a good idea?

—John Kennedy, Cincinnati, OH

Net neutrality is important to me because I believe in a free and competitive market no matter where the market exists.

—Maired R. Hawkins, Encinitas, CA

Please keep internet accessible to everyone regardless of income or residence. No two tiered system!!

—Andrea Plaza, Albuquerque, NM

Your push to change Internet rules of access are the worst sort of elitism, and do nothing but make the gap between the .01% and the rest of us even wider. This move actually is directly opposite of the founding fathers' ideal of equality. This seems to be another foot on the slippery slope toward an archaic, medieval society. And, it is just plain bad business. When the middle class is gone, who will support the .01%? Not a nation of uneducated people.

—Linda Armstrong, Burnsville, MN

This is important for the future,please get it right.

—Andrew Morgan, newport,

Greetings, I am sure you are getting a lot of comments regarding Net Neutrality, but I wanted to add a few more thoughts. As a member of the Investment Committee at the University of California Los Angeles Venture Capital Fund, this issue is of prime importance to myself and many other individuals and entrepreneurs. As you know, without guaranteed Net Neutrality, internet service providers such as Time Warner and Comcast can provide better service to preferred web sites. This is a terrible idea, as it will skew the competitive advantage towards large companies with deep cash pockets. In a world where there are fewer and fewer independent news sources, this would allow media companies to essentially crush small business and the small press. I urge you to reclassify internet service providers as common carriers in order to guarantee equal access to all sizes of companies.

—Wilton Risenhoover, Playa Del Rey, CA

As in all things, corporations are using varying internet speeds to make more money. Handling the net this way disenfranchises many persons. It makes for a two tiered system of 'haves and have-nots.' What about schools, non-profits and institutions of higher education? I urge you not to let this happen!

—Linda Vitello, Fairfax, VA

Protect Net Neutrality, reclassify ISP's as common carriers.

—Jimmy Smutek, Baltimore, MD

All men/women are created equal, the internet should be too, no two tier pay, no two tier internet. the internet should classify ISPs as common carriers. Thank You

—Patsy Key, Colonial Heights, VA

Net Nuetrality is a must for freedom of speech as well as for the continued growth of small business. I am very concerned with the direction the the FCC is taking with Net Nuetrality; access to the internet should be an even playing field for all comers.

—Jessica Larson, Bryn Mawr, PA



Abolishing Net Neutrality means the end of the egalitarian internet we all enjoy. By allowing service providers to demand additional fees beyond what they already charge for bandwidth, you will be offering large, established businesses a significant advantage over new or small business. This is monopolistic crony capitalism at its worst. Stop this lunacy and reclassify.

—Erik Anderson, Salt Lake City, UT

Dear FCC, Without Net Neutrality, the government is condoning the same practice as the protection racket of the Mofia. The large ISP's will be allowed to go to businesses and say, pay up or bad things are going to happen. This is not theoretical, it is happening right now. Netflix is the obvious one. I am sure there are many more that have not been so vocal. Implement a real Net Neutrality to protect the Internet and protect the economy. Reclassify the ISP's as common carriers to use existing laws to ensure the Internet has a level playing field. The ISP's use the pretense that they are spending all this money and need to get a return on investment. Up to now, ISP's have been getting a fair return on their investment without the need to use an extortion and racketeering scheme. They are just getting greedy and lazy using there size and monopoly to force successful businesses to pay or bad things will happen to their business. Regards, Kristian Leite

—Kristian H Leite, Seattle, WA

Obviously providing that our founding fathers had any conception of the internet, they would be truly repulsed by the notion that our government would regulate such a commodity in the interest of private enterprise rather the overall well-being of Americans. This is just another example of the government refusing to listen to people and to continue listening to private, back-pocket, dollars. Shameful.

—Tyler Scherer, Pittsburgh, PA

The Internet should not become simply another platform for for-profit Internet companies to make money and provide selective access to the content of the highest bidders. The Internet bandwidth is a public resource and belongs to the American people. It is not a commodity owned by corporations. It does not belong to the ISPs. Allowing ISPs to discriminate based on who hands them the most money is wrong. We are a democratic society and policies of information access should reflect those core values. Protect Net Neutrality! Do not create a two-tiered system of access! Thank you.

—Nicole Gaines, Louisville, KY

Net neutrality allows for a platform of equality, freedom, and liberty that is unavailable anywhere else. Opportunities arise and become available through the net that couldn't happen anywhere else, thanks in large part to net neutrality. Don't crush that. Doing so would go against everything our country stands for.

—David Naturale, Missoula, MT

**RECLASSIFY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AS COMMON CARRIERS!!! DISPOSE OF TOM WHEELER'S DELUSIONAL PROPOSITION.**

—Luis Valladares, Amityville, NY

Please don't allow large corporations to dictate the internet rules that affect every one of us. Please protect the public and keep the internet neutral. Please don't let the people with the most money dictate what we are able to access on the internet, and what we are able to show others on the internet. Thanks.

—Danny Archibald, San Francisco, CA

The internet is not just a new thing in the world -- it is a new world. This is where we shop, do our banking, keep in touch with our families, peacefully assemble and generally participate in modern society. To consider the internet as anything less than a utility is to ignore this critical fact and effectively disenfranchise millions of poor & elderly Americans. You are doing the Public a great disservice by considering the convenience of service providers over the rights of those they are supposed to be serving...

—Bruce Byron Olson, Charles Town, WV

Above all this would signifies censorship plan and simple. To call otherwise is clearly a falsehood and you know. Shame on you Tom!!

—Joseph moran, buffalo, NY